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SUBJ: CZECH PROTEST AGAINST BERLIN POLICE

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1. AS COURTESY TO KOUBA, ACTING CHIEF OF CZECH MILITARY MISSION, USBER OFFICER TELEPHONED HIM AT NOON ON AUGUST 3 TO SAY THAT WE WERE PUTTING OUT STATEMENT THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE REPLY TO HIS PROTEST OF AUGUST 2. KOUBA WAS TOLD THAT OUR ACTION RESULTED FROM PUBLICITY CZECHS HAD GIVEN TO PROTEST. HE WAS APOLOGETIC, EXPLAINING THAT PUBLICITY HAD ORIGINATED IN PRAGUE. KOUBA ASKED IF HE COULD COME BY US MISSION LATER IN DAY TO PICK OF COPY OF STATEMENT. WE AGREED.

2. THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL PRESS INTEREST IN MATTER AND JOURNALISTS HAVE TOLD US THAT KOUBA HAS BEEN DENYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SIMEK WAS ASSIGNED TO BERLIN, STATING RATHER THAT

HE CAME FROM PRAGUE. THIS NEATLY UNDERCUT CZECH CONTENTION IN CTK AND RADIO PRAGUE REPORTS THAT SIMEK WAS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO EAST BERLIN.

3. WHEN KOUBA CALLED AT MISSION LATER AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 3, HE APOLOGIZED FOR TROUBLE THAT HAD BEEN CAUSED AND NOTED RUEFULLY THAT IT HAD CAUSED HIM LOT OF EXTRA WORK. AFTER THIRTY-SECOND PERUSAL OF US STATEMENT, AND NOTING THAT HE WOULD SEND IT TO HIS MINISTRY, KOUBA LAPSED HAPPILY INTO CHAT ABOUT HIS HOMELAND, STATING INTER ALIA THAT CHICAGO IS SECOND LARGEST CZECH CITY IN WORLD. AS HE WAS DEPARTING, KOUBA ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE FORMAL US REPLY TO CZECH PROTEST. HE WAS TOLD THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER REPLY.GEORGE

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